

ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH  
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



1970

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND THE

SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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September, 1971.

To the Chairman and Members of  
the Rural District Council of  
Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present the Report of the Medical Officer of Health concerning the sanitary circumstances, sanitary administration and vital statistics of the district for the year 1970. This has been prepared, so far as possible, according to the lines indicated in Circular 1/71, dated 1st January, 1971, from the Department of Health and Social Security.

It is a pleasure to acknowledge the help received from the members of the staff of the Public Health Department, and to record my appreciation of the courtesy and consideration shown to me by all the members of your staff with whom I have had contact and, not least, by all the members of the Council.

I have the honour to remain,

Your obedient servant,

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# Statistics and Social Conditions.

Area (in acres).	28,169
Resident Population (R.G.'s estimate).	14,120
Number of occupied dwellings.	5,185
Number of occupied Council houses.	1,354
Rateable value, (1st April, 1970).	£476,147
Sum represented by a penny rate.	£ 1,982

## VITAL STATISTICS.

<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>1970.</u>	<u>England &amp; Wales 1970 (Prov:).</u>	<u>Ashby R.D.C. 1969.</u>
Legitimate.	120	97	217			
Illegitimate.	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>14</u>			
	<u>127</u>	<u>104</u>	<u>231</u>	231		237
Crude Live Birth rate per 1,000 population.				16.4	16.0	17
Area Comparability Factor.				1.03	1.00	1.03
Adjusted Live Birth rate per 1,000 population.				16.9	16.0	17.5
Ratio of local Adjusted Birth rate of National rate.				1.06	1.00	1.07
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births.				6	8	1
<u>Still Births.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total.</u>			
Legitimate.	1	-	1			
Illegitimate.	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>			
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	2		4
Still Births rate per 1,000 total live and still births.				9	13	17



# Total Live and Still Births.

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>England &amp; Wales 1970 (Prov:)</u>	<u>Ashby R.D.C. 1969.</u>
Legitimate.	121	97	218			
Illegitimate.	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>15</u>			
	<u>128</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>233</u>	233		241

## Deaths of Infants (under one year).

Legitimate.	1	-	1			
Illegitimate.	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>			
	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>	2		3

## Infant Mortality Rates.

Deaths under 1 yr. per 1,000 live births.	9	18	13
Legitimate infant deaths under 1 yr. per 1,000 legitimate births.	5	17	13
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births.	71	26	-

## Deaths of Infants (under 4 weeks of age).

Legitimate.	-	-	-			
Illegitimate.	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>			
	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	1		1

<u>Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births).</u>	4	12	4
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## Deaths of infants (under 1 week of age).

Legitimate.	-	-	-			
Illegitimate.	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>			
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	-		1

<u>Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births).</u>	-	11	4
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<u>Peri-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week and still births combined per 1,000 total live and still births).</u>	9	23	21
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	<u>1970.</u>	<u>England &amp; Wales, 1970</u> <u>(Prov:).</u>	<u>Ashby R.D.C.</u> <u>1969.</u>
<u>Maternal Mortality (including abortion).</u>			
Number of deaths.	0		0
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births.	0	.18	0

#### Deaths.

	<u>M.</u> <u>93</u>	<u>F.</u> <u>59</u>	<u>Total.</u> <u>152</u>			
				152		186
Crude death rate per 1,000 population.				10.8	11.7	13.3
Area Comparability Factor.				1.07	1.00	1.07
Adjusted death rate per 1,000 population.				11.6	11.7	14.2
Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate.				.99	1.00	1.20

#### Births.

The birth rate at 16.9 is higher than that for the country as a whole, (16). About one seventh of the births registered took place at home within the district and the percentage of illegitimate live births at 6 was lower than the figure for England and Wales at 8.

#### Deaths.

The death rate at 11.6 is just below the national rate, (11.7), and much below last year's rate of 14.2. Two fifths of the deaths occurred outside the district and 66 were of persons over 75 years.

#### Infantile Mortality.

Two babies under 1 year died, one at home and one in hospital, the deaths being due to an upper respiratory infection and congenital abnormality respectively. The infantile mortality rate at 9 was just half that for England and Wales and as a matter of fact all the rates, (with one exception), relating to infant deaths were well below the corresponding rates for the whole country,



CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE.

Causes of Death.	SEX	Total all Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS.										75 & over
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-			
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus.	M	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	3	
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
Other Malignant Neoplasms.	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	2	
	F	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	-	2	
Other Diseases of Blood &c.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Hypertensive Disease.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Ischaemic Heart Disease.	M	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	3	6	-	8	
	F	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	4	-	6	
Other Forms of Heart Disease	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	
	F	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	4	
Cerebrovascular Disease.	M	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	7	
	F	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	7	
Other Diseases of Circulatory System.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
Influenza.	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Pneumonia.	M	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	5	
	F	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	
Bronchitis and Emphysema.	M	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	5	-	2	
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Asthma.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other Diseases of Respiratory System.	M	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	
Other Diseases of Digestive System.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	
Nephritis and Nephrosis.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Hyperplasia of Prostate.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Other Diseases, Genito- Urinary System.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	
Congenital Anomalies.	M	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Symptoms and ill-defined Conditions.	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Motor Vehicle Accidents.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
	F	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
All other Accidents.	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries.	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL ALL CAUSES.	M	93	1	1	-	-	-	2	3	7	11	25	43		
	F	59	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	6	8	18	24		



PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER  
INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Infectious Diseases during 1970.

111 cases of infectious disease were notified during the year as below :

Age.	Measles.		Scarlet Fever.		Moningitis Unspecified Organisms.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year.	3	4	-	-	-	-
1 to 2	1	2	-	-	-	-
2 to 3	4	1	-	-	-	-
3 to 4	3	4	-	-	-	-
4 to 5	4	5	-	-	-	-
5 to 9	35	26	1	-	-	1
10 to 14	1	-	-	-	-	-
15 to 24	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 and over.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	51	42	1	-	-	1
Total - both sexes.	93		1		1	



Age.	Tetanus.		Infective Jaundice.		Tuberculosis.					
					Respiratory		Meninges & C.N.S.		Other.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 2 years.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 - 4 years.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 9 years.	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 14 years.	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 19 years.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 24 years.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 34 years.	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 44 years.	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 54 years.	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 64 years.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 - 74 years.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Over 75 years.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	1	-	5	5	1	-	-	-	-	-
Total - both sexes.	1		10		1		-		-	

Two cases of Whooping Cough were also notified, one boy in the 2-4 years age group and one girl in the 5-9 years age group. One case of Food Poisoning was notified, a male in the 15-44 years group, the infection having been contracted outside the district. In addition, one case of salmonella infection was notified, but in the end this was not considered to be due to food poisoning.



NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

in each Parish during year 1970.

Parish.	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Infective Jaundice	Meningococcal Meningitis.	Tetanus	T.B. Resp:	Food Poisoning	Salmonella	Total.
Appleby Magna.	18	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	20
Bardon.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chilcote.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Colcorton.	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4
Heather.	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Measham.	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38
Normanton-le-Heath.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oakthorpe & Donisthorpe.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Osgathorpe.	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Packington.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
Ravenstone.	2	1	2	2	-	-	1	-	-	8
Sharrestone.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Staunton Harold.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stretton-en-le-Field.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Swannington.	2	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	7
Swerstone.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Worthington.	11	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	12
TOTALS.	93	1	2	10	1	1	1	1	1	111



Table showing Incidence of Notifiable Diseases  
in each month during year 1970.

Month.	Whooping Cough	Measles	Infective Hepatitis	Salmonella	Food Poisoning	Tetanus	Meningitis	Scarletina	T.B. Resp:	Total.
January.	-	12	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	17
February.	-	6	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	10
March.	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
April.	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
May.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
June.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
July.	-	28	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	30
August.	-	13	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	15
September.	-	12	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
October.	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
November.	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
December.	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
TOTALS.	2	93	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	111



## MEALS ON WHEELS.

The usual visiting of applicants for the Meals on Wheels service continued, in the course of which 30 visits were paid and 23 applications were approved. Towards the end of the year the Council agreed to recommend that as from 1st November, 1970, the subsidy per meal be increased from 1/6d to 2/6d, bringing the total cost of the meal up to 3/6d, one shilling being collected from each recipient, your Council contributing 1/3d and the County Council a like amount.

Consideration was given to the possibility of extending the service to the villages of Appleby Magna, Heather, Newton Burgoland, Sweptstone, Snarestone and Osgathorpe, and, as a first step, the names of persons who might qualify were sought. As a result 42 additional visits were paid and the following recommendations made:-

<u>Village.</u>	<u>Yes.</u>	<u>No.</u>
Appleby Magna.	5	7
Heather.	8	6
Newton Burgoland.	4	4
Sweptstone.	2	-
Snarestone.	-	-
Osgathorpe.	-	5

There is, therefore, some evidence of need in some parishes, and the next step will be to ascertain what arrangements can be made for the preparation of the meals and their subsequent distribution.

Due acknowledgement is made of the good work done by those who have helped so much in carrying out the schemes already in operation.

## CHIROPODY.

The need for the provision of a Chiropody service for aged persons at Measham and Swannington was raised near the year end and it was decided to explore the possibilities although the difficulties with regard to premises and qualified personnel were recognised. The matter was being pursued at the end of the year.



NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 and 1951.

No formal action was necessary under these Acts, but some enquiry into and supervision of border-line cases was necessary.



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SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

To the Chairman and Members of  
the Rural District Council of  
Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in again presenting my Annual Report for your consideration. The year has been one of steady progress; there have been the usual problems due to mining subsidence, although not quite to the extent of previous years. We have endeavoured to speed up house improvement, particularly with the aid of standard and improvement grants, and we have taken every opportunity to press owners of property to take advantage of these. This is the first year during which it has not been possible to report the completion of at least some Council houses, but it is a fact that a number of small sites in various villages will be developed during the coming year, detailed plans being prepared by your consultant architects at the present time. It is at least pleasant to know that we have made a start on putting our own house in order by the preparation of schemes to modernise all the pre-war Council houses and that work has been completed on a small number of these.

At long last the scheme for providing sewers in the village of Coleorton has been prepared in some detail and one can envisage the abolition of the pan closets situated immediately outside the back doors of 44 Council houses in this village. The only other "built up" area in the district with pails immediately at the rear of the property - Acresford - will soon be free of these, sewers having been laid, the pumping station erected and only the delivery of the pumps is now awaited.



Routine inspection has continued of food shops of all descriptions, the premises being generally of a good standard although we are having some difficulties with one cafe. A pamphlet was distributed to all occupiers of food premises - "Thought for Food". This was produced as a guide to all persons concerned with food premises and food handling, and set out briefly the rules which must be kept in mind to ensure that food is stored, prepared and offered for sale under satisfactory conditions.

Private house construction, for some reason, never appears to have been carried on to the extent which one would wish; the number of houses completed during a year varying from 21 in 1955 to a high point of 123 in 1966. The numbers completed each year over this period of 16 years being respectively :

1955 - 21., 1956 - 43., 1957 - 23., 1958 - 30., 1959 - 38.,  
1960 - 26., 1961 - 29., 1962 - 64., 1963 - 68., 1964 - 83.,  
1965 - 44., 1966 - 123., 1967 - 107., 1968 - 93., 1969 - 84.,  
1970 - 83.

Unfortunately there is little hope of any great improvement in these figures because of the planning policy with regard to the development of the villages in the Rural District.



Particulars of water supplies to dwelling houses :

Internal Mains Water Supply.		Mains water from External standpipes.		Well water supply.	
No. of dwelling houses.	Population.	No. of dwelling houses.	Population.	No. of dwelling houses.	Population.
5119	Est: 13,980	Est: 21	Est: 50	Est: 45	Est: 110

Number of parishes with pipes water supply :

from public mains: 16 from private reservoirs: Nil.

Number of parishes without a piped supply : 1 (part) - Bardon.

Water Supply from Wells.

Number of samples taken for analysis.			
Satisfactory.		Unsatisfactory.	
Chemical.	Bacteriological.	Chemical.	Bacteriological.
Nil	2	Nil	2

The following figures were supplied by the Engineer to the North West Leicestershire Water Board :

Piped Supplies & Raw Water.		Results of Analyses.	
Bacteriological.		Chemical.	
Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
633	Nil	113	Nil



Extensions of public water supplies :

1. 593 yards of 12" and 1,270 yards of 8" trunk main between Willesley and Measham required as part of the improvements to the Measham, Appleby and Twycross areas.
2. Housing development :
  - (a) 1,090 yards of 4" main - Atherstone Road, Measham, for Messrs. Pat Pateman & Son Ltd.
  - (b) 200 yards of 4" main - Industrial Estate, Measham by R. Emery Ltd.
  - (c) 135 yards of 4" main - off Newton Road, Heather for Messrs. A.H. Wilson & Son (Contractors) Ltd.
3. The new reservoir at Willesley was brought into service.



## SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The position at the year end was as follows :

### Appleby Magna.

Sewer extensions in progress in the Appleby Parva and Bowley's Lane areas to complete the sewerage of the whole village.

### Acresford.

Sewers and pumping main laid; pumping station erected - pumping equipment awaited.

### Bardon.

Scattered area - impossible to sewer.

### Chilcote.

No progress was made during the year despite considerable effort to secure voluntary removal of farm effluent from existing old sewer. Until the farm drainage systems can be altered so that farm effluent itself is dealt with on the individual farms no progress can be made with a scheme for dealing with effluent from dwelling houses by means of a biological treatment plant, because of the disastrous effect farm effluent would have on the standard of effluent from this plant.

### Coleorton.

A scheme has been prepared in some detail for the sewerage of the whole village and this has been considered and approved by the Council.

### Donisthorpe.

The works have now been completely reconstructed, and deal with effluent from part of Ashby Woulds Urban District Council in addition to the village of Donisthorpe. These works are producing a very good effluent.



Heather.

These works are overloaded. The Council considered a scheme for the enlargement of the works and an alternative scheme for pumping sewage to the Ibstock works in Market Bosworth Rural District. The pumping scheme has been agreed in principle and the existing works at Heather will be abandoned once the new scheme has been brought into operation.

Measham and Oakthorpe.

The preparation of a scheme for the enlargement of the Measham works has been held up because of the delay in the preparation of a village plan. The works are overloaded.

Normanton-le-Heath.

New sewers have been laid in this village, the pumping main laid to Ravenstone works; the pumping station completed - (pumping equipment is awaited).

Osgathorpe.

Sewage pumped to Coalville Urban District Council. A small sewer extension has been carried out to serve property in Main Street.

Packington.

The sewage is pumped to Ashby-de-la-Zouch Urban District Council.

Ravenstone.

The reconstruction and enlargement of the sewage works has been almost completed - these works have been designed so that the contents of pail closets can be dealt with at these works instead of being deposited in dumps in various parts of the Rural district.



Snarestone.

These works deal with the effluent from Appleby Magna, Snarestone, Newton Burgoland and Swebstone and are, at the present time, being enlarged.

Swannington.

The sewage is pumped to Coalville Urban District Council.

Worthington.

Works overloaded. An outline scheme for the enlargement of these works has been prepared. The works will deal with the effluent from the Coleorton scheme when this has been carried out.

Inspection of sewers and ditches and work in hand.	207
Blocked sewers cleaned.	19
Inspection of sewage works and pumping stations.	244
Ditches cleaned out.	2
Number of septic tanks constructed during the year.	21
Number of septic tanks abolished during the year.	-
Number of septic tanks/cesspools at 31st December, 1970.	501
Sewers laid or repaired.	2



NEW DRAINAGE AND CLOSET CONVERSIONS.

(other than work connected with Improvement Grants/  
Standard Grants).

New drainage systems laid to sewer.	2
New water closets constructed to replace pan closets.	3
Pail closets abolished.	3
Septic tanks provided.	1
Visits of inspection.	21

A grant of £30. 0. Od., or half the cost, whichever is the lower, is given towards closet conversion.

Closet Accommodation.

Total number in district at 31st December, 1970 :

Privies : Nil.          Pail Closets : 295          Water Closets : 4,885



## COMPLAINTS.

Set out below are details of the various complaints which have been received, together with a table showing repairs and improvements carried out.

Dwellings rendered fit or defects remedied.	11
Complaints received.	55
Premises inspected.	55
Groundless complaints.	3
Revisits to work in hand.	145
Premises at which nuisances abated.	65
Drains relaid, repaired, trapped or ventilated or cleared, (does not include sewers).	30
Cesspools cleansed or repaired (other than routine emptying).	3
Damp walls remedied.	12
Ditches cleaned out.	2
Chimney stacks repaired.	4
Plastering repaired.	4
Roofs repaired.	10
Offensive accumulations removed.	6
Eaves gutters and rain water pipes repaired or renewed.	10
Floors repaired.	3
Doors repaired or renewed.	5
Cellar flooding abated.	1
Fly or insect nuisances.	4
Windows repaired.	12
Water closets repaired.	12
Yards repaired.	1
Noise nuisance abated.	3
Verminous premises cleared.	1
Flooding abated.	1
Hedges cut and laid.	1
Offensive smells abated.	3
Miscellaneous nuisances abated.	8
Dangerous wall repaired.	1
Smoke nuisance abated.	5
Leaking water pipe repaired.	1
Dangerous well repaired.	1



### Inspections made.

Animal keeping.	28
Bakehouses.	9
Drainage works.	313
Dwelling houses.	847
Infectious diseases.	32
Food premises.	302
Refuse collection and disposal.	366
Rodent Control, (other than those carried out by Rodent Operator).	6
Shops and Offices.	146
Slaughterhouses and meat inspection.	171
Tents, vans, sheds, etc.	28
Verminous and dirty premises.	1
Water supplies.	5
Factories and workplaces.	54
Other inspections.	864
	<u>3,173</u>

### Notices.

#### Preliminary.

	<u>Housing.</u>	<u>Public Health.</u>
Outstanding on 1st January, 1970.	-	12
Issued during the year.	-	33
Complied with during the year.	-	31
Outstanding on 31st December, 1970.	-	14

#### Statutory.

Outstanding on 1st January, 1970.	-	-
Issued during the year.	-	1
Complied with during the year.	-	-
Outstanding on 31st December, 1970.	-	1



### ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT ACT, 1963.

There are five licensed premises in the district. 28 visits of inspection were made.

### CARAVAN SITES AND MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

Again there has been little movement of residents to or from this site and the site remains, in all but name, a small housing site.

Towards the end of the year it was found necessary to increase the charges from 5/- per day to 6/- per day for daily tenancies, and from 25/- per week to 30/- per week for weekly tenancies. This is the first increase since the site was constructed.

Electricity is supplied to each van and is paid for by meter.

Some difficulty was experienced in dealing with persons occupying vans on the verges of one length of road.

A total of 28 visits were made. The total number of licensed sites in the district is 27.

### PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

The early months of this year saw a continuation of the co-ordination of rodent control measures between the Urban and Rural areas, and steps were taken to encourage farmers to carry out rodent control measures on their farms. Measures were also taken to establish permanent baiting sites on Authority's tips or allotments, and to arouse a similar interest in the treatment of fringe properties on the outskirts of villages. These measures have met with some success.

As far as it can be ascertained there has been no indication of Warfarin resistant rats.



Infestations dealt with :	272
Inspections by Rodent Operator :	2,067

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT,  
1963.

The administration of the Act was maintained throughout the year at this Authority and some 142 inspections were made with at least one general inspection to each premise. No accidents were notified as is required by Section 48 of the Act, but steps were taken to bring this requirement to the notice of the occupiers whenever a visit was made to their premises. Since the offices and shops in this area are small in size, as a general rule, and have few employees, it is quite possible that no accidents have occurred which should be reported to the Local Authority.

The enforcement of the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises (Hoists and Lifts) Regulations, 1969, has posed no problems since there are only two lifts within the meaning of the Regulation in the District. One of these is an electrically operated lift in a food premise, whilst the other is at the offices of the National Coal Board which they do not require and which they have deliberately made inoperable.



Type of Premises.	Businesses Registered	Inspections made.	Contraventions.		
			Found.	Remedied.	Outstanding at 31.12.70
Offices.	7	13	3	2	1
Retail Shops.	36	106	19	11	8
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Catering Establishments open to the public, canteens, etc.	3	17	-	4	-
Fuel Storage Depots.	3	6	-	-	-
TOTAL.	49	142	26	17	9



CIVIC AMENITIES ACT, 1967.

It was necessary during the year to deal with a number of cars which had been deposited on the verges of public highways or immediately adjoining these. A considerable amount of time has to be spent dealing with each individual case.

HOUSING.

New Houses.

Houses completed during the year.	TYPE.		Average cost per house, excluding site works and land.	Weekly Rent (exclusive of rates) and heating charges
	Prefab: Permanent	Permanent		
By Local Authority.	-	-	-	-
Private Enterprise.	-	83	-	-
<u>Houses in course of construction at year end.</u>				
Local Authority.	-	-	-	-
Private Enterprise.	-	87	-	-



Total number of post-war houses completed by Local Authority.	...	1,019
Total number of post-war houses completed by private enterprise.	...	1,065
Total number of applicants for Council houses at end of year.	...	198
Total number of applications for Council houses received during year.	...	135
Total number of Council houses in the district prior to 1939.	...	312
Total number of pre-war houses purchased by the Council and renovated.	...	23
Total number of occupied Council houses in the district.	...	1,354
Total number of occupied houses in the district.	...	5,185

The Ministry of Housing and Local Government were informed that the Council proposed to obtain tenders for the following schemes during 1971 and the Council's architects were asked to prepare draft schemes.

<u>Village.</u>	<u>Area.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
Measham.	Re-development of part of Dyson's Close.	4 - one-bedroom flatlets. 8 - bed-sittingroom flatlets. 16 - 2-bedroom flats.
Normanton-le-Heath.	Main Street.	4 - 2-bedroom flats. 4 - 3-bedroom houses.
Oakthorpe and Donisthorpe.	Narrow Lane, Donisthorpe.	8 - bed-sittingroom flatlets. 8 - one-bedroom flatlets. 16 - 2-bedroom flats.
Ravenstone.	Jenny's Lane.	4 - bed-sittingroom flats.
Swepestone.	Main Street.	4 - one-bedroom flats.



The Council resolved to carry out modernisation of all pre-war Council houses and the houses in Leicester Road, Measham, were modernised as a pilot scheme. The old bathrooms, entered directly from the kitchen, were abolished, the kitchen enlarged, plastered and provided with modern fittings, a bathroom was provided upstairs together with an internal water closet.

At the year end the Council had considered schemes for the whole of the remaining pre-war houses and instructed the Council's architects to proceed with the preparation of detailed plans, specifications, etc.

#### New buildings, additions, extensions, etc.

New dwellings by Local Authority.	...	-
New dwellings by private enterprise.	...	83
New houses drained to sewer.	...	76
New houses drained to septic tanks.	...	6
New houses with water from public mains.	...	83
New houses under construction at year end...		87
Visits of inspection.	...	474
Visits to Council properties.	...	100

#### BUILDING REGULATIONS.

During the year 254 applications were submitted for consideration under the Building Regulations.

#### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1947.

Applications for planning permission were again higher than the previous year - 267 applications being dealt with.

#### LOANS FOR HOUSE PURCHASE.

38 properties were inspected during the year as a result of requests for loans and in the majority of cases loans were approved. 47 visits of inspection were made.



## IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

These grants are discretionary, Councils themselves being able to decide, as a matter of policy, whether to make grants or not, but, if they refuse a grant application or give less than 50% of the amount eligible, they must give reasons in writing to the applicant.

It has been the Council's policy to give 50% towards the cost of work eligible for grant. Almost all of the applications are from owner/occupiers.

Number of Improvement Grant applications approved.	owner/occupied tenanted	6 4
Number of Conversion Grant applications approved.	owner/occupied tenanted	- -
Number of Improvement Grants refused.		-
Dwellings improved during the year.		20
Total amount Council have paid by way of Grant.		£6,097
Bathrooms.		19
Wash hand basins.		19
Hot water systems.		19
Sinks provided.		19
Water closets provided.		19
Drainage.		19
New windows and repairs to windows.		106
New floors.		50
Fireplaces.		25
Central heating.		9
New food stores.		15
Septic tanks provided.		12
Cooking facilities.		3
Damp proof courses.		19
Roofs repaired.		19
Power circuits provided.		19
Eaves gutters and rain water pipes.		19
External paving.		19
Water laid on to house for the first time.		1



Walls plastered.	59
Ceilings plastered.	33
Pointing to walls.	16
Pails abolished.	14
Visits and re-visits.	137

Total number of offers made since inception of scheme, (including informal offers). 442

Grants completed by villages.

Chilcote.	6
Coleorton.	4
Measham.	1
Newton Burgoland.	1
Osgathorpe.	1
Packington.	2
Staunton Harold.	2
Stretton-en-le-Field.	2
Worthington.	1

STANDARD GRANTS.

Provided the statutory requirements are met Local Authorities must give Standard Grants on application. Grant aid is given as follows :

Fixed bath or shower.	£30
Wash hand basin.	£10
Sink.	£15
Hot and cold water supply to bath.	£45
Hot and cold water supply to wash hand basin.	£20
Hot and cold water supply to sink.	£30
Water closet.	£50

or one half, whichever is the less.



It is possible to give additional grant for bringing in water to the dwelling for the first time; for the provision of a septic tank; and "building-on" in certain circumstances.

Applications approved.	owner/occupied.	48
	tenanted.	6
Works completed.		39
Total paid by way of grant.		£10,260
Fixed baths.		26
Re-positioning of baths.		3
Showers.		2
Wash hand basins.		32
Hot and cold water supply to baths.		34
Hot and cold water supply to wash hand basins.		34
Hot water supply to kitchen sinks.		22
Water supply in house for the first time.		3
Hot and cold water supply to kitchen sinks.		3
New sinks.		3
Internal water closets.		33
Food stores.		6
Septic tanks.		8
Pails abolished.		9
Visits and re-visits.		245
Total number of offers made since inception of scheme, (including informal offers).		720

Grants completed by villages.

Colcorton.	3
Donisthorpe.	3
Heather.	1
Measham.	9
Newton Burgoland.	1
Oakthorpe.	2
Osgathorpe.	1
Ravenstone.	8
Swannington.	5
Stretton-en-le-Field.	1
Worthington.	5



## General.

A total of 302 Improvement Grants and 457 Standard Grants have now been approved to the owners of properties in the Rural district, and detailed discussions held with many owners who have been informed that grants will be recommended to the Council. We have now had a full year's experience of the working of the Housing Act, 1969, which, amongst other things, increases the amount payable by way of Improvement Grant from £400 to £1,000, and which allows substantial items of repair to rank for grant. In actual fact, grants made by the Council during the year have fallen between these two figures.

A Local Authority may now give Improvement Grant where two houses are converted into one, provided that they are satisfied that neither house is, by itself, capable of improvement, or that the conversion of two into one would make a real contribution to the particular needs of the district by providing larger houses. Each case must be considered on its merits. In the past Standard Grants could only be given where the house would be provided with a bath in a bathroom, but, if it is not reasonably practicable to do this, grant can now be given where the bath is provided in some other part of the dwelling, provided that this is not a bedroom.

The greatest difficulty has arisen not, as was expected, in trying to decide which items should count as repairs eligible for grant, but, rather, whether or not the cost of total repair, modernising, extension and improvement approaches the cost of a new dwelling offering comparable accommodation. Grant applications now seem to refer to dwellings where much more extensive works are being carried out than formerly.



SLUM CLEARANCE.

<u>Houses Demolished.</u>			
	Houses Demolished	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
<u>In Clearance Areas.</u>			
Houses unfit for human habitation.	-	-	-
Houses included by reason of bad arrangements, etc.	-	-	-
Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2) Housing Act, 1957.	-	-	-
<u>Not in Clearance Areas.</u>			
As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1) Housing Act, 1957.	-	-	-
Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health.	-	-	-
Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts.	-	-	-
Unfit houses included in Unfitness Order.	-	-	-
<u>Unfit houses closed.</u>			
Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957.	1	-	-
Under Sections 17(3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957.	-	-	-
Parts of buildings closed under Section 18 Housing Act, 1957.	-	-	-



Houses demolished for other reasons :	20
Houses lost by conversion :	-
Houses gained by conversion :	1
Number of Demolition Orders made :	4

Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied.

	By Owner.	By Local Authority.
After informal action by Local Authority.	5	-
After formal notice under		
(a) Public Health Acts.	-	-
(b) Sections 9 and 16, Housing Act, 1957.	-	-

Visits of inspection : 33

### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

#### Ice Cream.

Number of premises registered for manufacture and retail.	...	Nil
Number of premises registered for manufacture only.	...	Nil
Number of premises registered for retail only.	...	73
Number of samples taken.	...	54
Results of samples :		
Grade I	39	
Grade II	13	
Grade III	2	
Grade IV	-	

Ice Cream is purchased from national manufacturers, with two exceptions - manufacturers in adjoining districts.



### Milk Supply.

#### Dairies (other than dairy farms) and distributors (Section 8, Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949)

Number on Register	:	Dairies	-
		Distributors	-
Number of Inspections	:	Dairies	-
		Distributors	2

#### Biological Milk Samples taken by County Council.

Number of routine bulk samples taken	:	26
Results satisfactory	:	24
Evidence of living Brucella Abortus	:	2
Individual samples	:	49

Samples of milk from six cows were "Ring" Test positive, but only one sample was "Direct Culture" positive. As a result of the above test six cows were removed from the herds by the farmers and sold for slaughter.

#### Bacteriological Milk Samples taken by County Council.

Untreated milk samples	:	26
Satisfactory	:	24
Failed Methylene Blue Test	:	2

### Meat and Other Foods.

Number of licensed slaughterhouses in area	:	2
Number of animals slaughtered therein	:	990
Number of animals examined therein	:	990
Number of animals inspected at time of slaughter	:	415
Number of Knackers yards in area	:	1
Number of visits to Knackers yard	:	4
Number of visits to slaughterhouses	:	158
Number of visits to butchers' shops	:	13



Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

Food Premises in Categories.	Premises which comply with Regulation 16.	Premises which will comply with Regulation 19.
Number of licensed premises..... 46	46	46
Number of Cafes, restaurants, &c. 5	5	5
Number of General Stores..... 43	43	43
Number of Works Canteens..... 5	5	5
Number of Butchers' Shops..... 5	5	5
Number of School Canteens..... 17	17	17
Number of Off-licensed Shops..... 5	5	5
Number of Fish and Chip Shops.... 3	3	3
Number of Greengrocers' Shops.... 2	2	2

Work in connection with the inspection of food premises continued during the year.

Number of premises inspected	:	133
Number of inspections made for the purpose	:	302
Number of informal notices served	:	42
Number of informal notices complied with	:	43
Number of informal notices outstanding at 31st December, 1970	:	19
Number of premises modernised	:	5
Number where hot water supply laid on	:	1
Number of premises cleaned and redecorated	:	8



Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations,  
1966.

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Stallholders complying with Regulations	:	11
Stallholders exempted from Regulations	:	Nil
Delivery vehicles complying with Regulations	:	8
Delivery vehicles exempted from Regulations	:	Nil

Visits were made to all the food premises in the district throughout the year in an effort to raise the standard of food hygiene practice. Progress in this field is slow since it is often the case that people obtain situations in the food trade or take over a food business without any previous training and do not always realise the possibilities of contamination of food. When contamination of food by organisms which may contain disease can only be seen under a microscope it is difficult to impress upon the persons concerned the real source of the danger, and the need for subsequent scrupulous cleanliness in the handling and preparation of food in all circumstances.

The Meat (Sterilisation) Regulations, 1969.

Visits have been made throughout the year to the Knacker's yard in this district in connection with the above Regulations concerning unsound meat for the consumption by animals.

MEAT INSPECTION - CARCASSES INSPECTED  
AND CONDEMNED.

100% meat inspection is carried out at both of the slaughterhouses in the district and the number of animals slaughtered has remained approximately the same as last year.

The periodical visits made by the Veterinary Surgeon of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food have been increased to quarterly instead of half yearly. The purpose of the visits is to inspect the standard of hygiene at the actual slaughterhouse. The responsibility for this rests with the Local Authority and in my opinion the visits are a complete waste of time and money.



	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	298	-	-	692	-
Number inspected	298	-	-	692	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ condemned	55	-	-	9	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	18.46%	-	-	1.30%	-
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis.</u>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ condemned	1	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	1	-	-	-	-
Generalised and total condemned	-	-	-	-	-



FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

Part 1 of the Act,

Inspections for purposes of provision as to Health  
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

	<u>No. on</u> <u>Register</u>	<u>No. of</u> <u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written</u> <u>Notices</u>
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	1	1
(ii) Factories in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	36	41	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	9	12	-
	<u>46</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>1</u>

No. of cases in which  
defects were found.

	<u>Found.</u>	<u>Remedied.</u>	<u>Referred by</u> <u>H.M. Inspector.</u>
Sanitary Conveniences	20	14	-
Other Offences	1	1	-

Part VIII of the Act.

Outworkers (Sections 110 and 111)	<u>Number of Outworkers in August</u> <u>list required by Section 111</u> <u>(1) (c).</u>
Wearing apparel making, etc.	8



## REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

The refuse tips in the villages of Colcorton and Measham continued to be used throughout the year. No tipping of household refuse was carried out at the tip at Donisthorpe.

During demonstrations of mechanical equipment at the proposed Lount tip it was found that coal outcrops at, or near, the surface and that one seam is exposed where surface workings have been carried out in the past. This gave rise to considerable concern because of fire danger, and, following discussion with representatives of the Opencast Coal Executive, it was agreed by a sub-committee of the Public Health Committee set up to deal with all matters relating to this tip that an application be made for planning permission to work three seams and extract about 25,000 tons of coal from the site. It was also agreed that a nominated contractor apply for a license to extract the coal. At the year end it was not clear whether or not a license would be granted because of the fear of the National Coal Board Deep Mine organisation that water from this site might gain access to deep mine workings.

The County Council work study team submitted a scheme for consideration by this Council with a view to improving, and possibly making cheaper, the refuse collection service. This, however, has not, as yet, been considered by the sub-committee set up to deal with this matter.

When the work of reconstructing the sewage works at Ravenstone has been completed all night soil will be disposed of at these works, and we should be able to discontinue the present practice of dumping night soil on the lagoons constructed at one refuse tip and at the Swannington old sewage works site.

Visits of inspection : 366



## STREET LIGHTING.

The Council have given instructions for estimates to be prepared of the cost of improving the existing footway lighting to County Council standards with a view to all lighting being taken over by the County Council. This is obviously going to be expensive - the work will have to be paid for out of revenue and, without doubt, the cost have to be spread over a number of years. Plans showing the existing lighting systems in three villages have been sent to the County Council in order to obtain that Authority's views on the amount of additional work they would require carrying out before they would adopt the lighting system in those villages.

The fact that there are two different lighting authorities in the majority of our villages has continued to lead to some confusion in connection with maintenance and responsibility.

I wish to repeat my thanks to you, Mr. Chairman and other members of the Council, for the help you have given and the consideration shown to myself and my staff during the year under review; and to thank the Clerk of the Council and other officers for their help and advice during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

C.S. CURTIS.



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